## CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 20, 2020 6:45 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Chilton, Estrop, O'Neill, and President Copeland. City Manager Heck and Community Development Director Meadows.

**GUEST:** Ms. Ginny Martycz, Director of Clark County Department of Job and Family Services

## **HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:**

Topics discussed at the work session held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, were:

- 1. Ms. Ginny Martycz presented the City Commission an overview of the services provided by the local Family & Children Services (FCS) Division of the Clark County Job and Family Services. In 2019 FCS investigated 1,360 allegations of abuse and neglect of both children and the elderly. FCS offers families help earlier in the process to keep more children in their home or with family members in lieu of foster homes.
- 2. Ms. Martycz spoke on several programs administered by the FCS including the Child Advocacy Center which works with law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates and medical professionals to minimize the trauma for children who must testify in court proceedings and limit the number of instances where a child must retell an experience.
- 3. Issue 14 on Clark County's November 3 ballot is a renewal of the 3-mill Children Services Levy which funds foster care, group homes, efforts to find forever homes, crisis response teams and other programs.
- 4. Ms. Martycz spoke about staff members who continue to investigate and advocate for children and the elderly during the time of the pandemic. They are going to homes to ensure the safety of this population.
- 4. Dr. Estrop commended the services provided by the FCS staff and the law enforcement teams working together.

5. Mrs. Chilton reminded citizens to consider voting for the renewal levy.

Adj. 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill R. Pierce

Clerk of the City Commission